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LECTURES.

As stated in last issue, we have now arranged for Prof. French for Wednesday, December 15th.

Chancellor Manatt's date is not yet fully determined.

B. F. Taylor is to be here Dec. 28th. It is possible, however, that his date may be changed.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kansas State Teachers' Association meets at Topeka in the holiday vacation. Extensive preparations are making for the occasion.

The executive committee of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association have fixed upon the last of March as the time for holding the annual meeting. The program will be announced in the near future.

OBSERVANCE OF LAW.

Concerning teaching physiology and hygiene in our public schools, State Supt. Jones gives the following decision in the Western School Journal:

"I am frequently asked how school officers may be compelled to obey the law and carry out its provisions. This question has come with repeated force in connection with the law requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught in all public schools. (See subd. x, page 53, laws of 1885). I know of but one way to compel officers to obey the law, when they refuse or neglect to do so, and that is to make complaint to a court of competent jurisdiction, and get an order from the court requiring obedience. In general, the district court is the proper tribunal.

There is an improvement in punctuality and regularity of attendance, but our pupils fall far short of our ideal in this respect. We desire to reduce the cases of absence and tardiness to the lowest possible minimum of frequency. Aiming to encourage a spirit of emulation, we have had a banner framed containing these words: "This room had the lowest number of cases of absence and tardiness last week." The room having the lowest number of cases, is entitled to the banner for the succeeding week. The high school room succeeded in holding it three weeks, but last week the number of cases in the department taught by Misses Murphy and Janison were less, each room having the same number of cases. Consequently the two rooms alternate this week, in having the banner. Another means of securing punctuality, is to have interesting morning exercises. The following is a geographical puzzle which was prepared by a pupil of the sixth grade:

A GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLE.

One day I went to a party. There were eight persons present: Mrs. (hills in Wyoming)—Black; Mr. (a river in Arizona, Utah and Colorado)—Grand; Mrs. (a city in Kansas)—Lawrence; Mr. (a city in Utah)—Logan; Mrs. (a city in Colorado)—Greeley; Miss (a river in Wash. Ter.)—Columbia; Mrs. (a river in Montana)—Charles; Mrs. (a park in Wyoming)—Yellowstone. We had a good time playing on a state on the map of territories and adjacent states—Oregon; Mrs. (a river in Utah)—Green, two hours later called us to dinner. I must tell you how nice the table was set. They had the knives and forks made out of (a region in Arizona)—Silver; the ester made out of (a region in

Colorado)—Gold; the spoons made of (a region in Arizona)—Silver; I put some (springs in Idaho)—Soda; on my potatoes for pepper. On the table we had (a country north-west of Persia)—Turkey; a chicken and (a city in N. Y.)—Buffalo; and that is all. After dinner we all went out to take a walk in the woods, when Mr. (a river in Utah)—Green, told us that he heard (a river in Idaho)—, drinking (a river in Montana)—Milk. Just then Mrs. (a river in Utah)—Grand, came out of the woods. Her hair was (a mountain in Penna.)—Blue, her face was (hills in Wyoming)—Black, and her dress was (mountains in New Hampshire and Vermont)—Green. We stopped to talk to her until it was pretty cold, when we turned around, and I noticed a hole in the bottom of my shoe. I stepped upon (a river in Illinois and Wisconsin)—Rock, which hurt my foot badly, and I had to go home. Our house was near Mr. (a bay in Wisconsin)—Green. I had to walk over (a region of Michigan)—Copper, to get home. When I went home, I felt better, but I never went over to Mr. (a river in Utah)—Green, yet, but that I was injured in some way. Just then I heard a knock, and I said, (a city in the Chinese Empire)—Pekin. Edie M. age 11 years.

We herewith present another reproduction of Miles Standish:

A SKETCH OF MILES STANDISH.

One of the Plymouth Pilgrims, noted in Colonial history, and the theme of one of Longfellow's poems, who was born in England in the year 1584. He was a very brave man, short, but strongly built, and athletic. Broad in the shoulders, deep chested, with muscled sinews of iron. One of his frequent sayings was, "If you wish a thing done well, do it yourself, do not leave it to others to do." He had fought a great many battles at different places, and also fought in Flanders. His arms were always bright and burnished, because he had done it himself, and not left it to others to do. His greatest friend and household companion was John Alden, who was fair-haired, azure-eyed, with delicate Saxon complexion, and was well educated. He had fallen in love with the Puritan maiden, Priscilla, who was alone in the world, as her father and brother had died the previous winter. As he was writing one day, the captain asked to have a conversation with him, when he was through writing. As John began laying away his writing material, the captain began by saying, he had been weary and dreary since his wife Rose Standish died, and asked him if he would go and ask Priscilla if she would be his wife. John Alden asked if this was the reason he had been waiting so long, hating to ask her himself, for fear of refusal, but made answer by saying: "If you wish a thing done well, do it yourself, do not leave it to others to do," but said he would go. When he reached Priscilla's house, he found her alone. He told of the captain's bravery and of all the battles he had fought. But when he paused for her answer, she said, "Why don't you ask for yourself, John?" John rushed through the night toward home, as he knew how angry the captain would be. When John returned with his message to the captain, and told him about Priscilla, Miles Standish's anger burst forth in a minute. But in the midst of the scene a messenger appeared in the doorway, saying that there were rumors of war, and that he was wanted immediately. He dropped everything and was off. It was but a few days when Priscilla came and asked pardon for what she had said. And, as they were sitting alone one evening, a messenger was sent, saying he had brought sad news from the village. That his friend Miles Standish was dead. They were sorry, but John felt that he had his release, and that he was free to marry Priscilla at any time. So the wedding day was fixed. So their friends assembled together. As the magistrate was about to pronounce them man and wife, a form appeared at the doorway, all clad in his armor of steel. Lo! when they turned and saw that it was "The Great Captain of Plymouth," Miles Standish, what was their surprise? The captain came forth, bowed and asked forgiveness, then saluted Priscilla, and said: "I should have remembered the old adage: 'If you wish a thing done well, do it yourself, do not leave it to others.' They were never better friends than at that time. And now I have no more to say about this great man. I will close by asking pardon for all mistakes. M. M.

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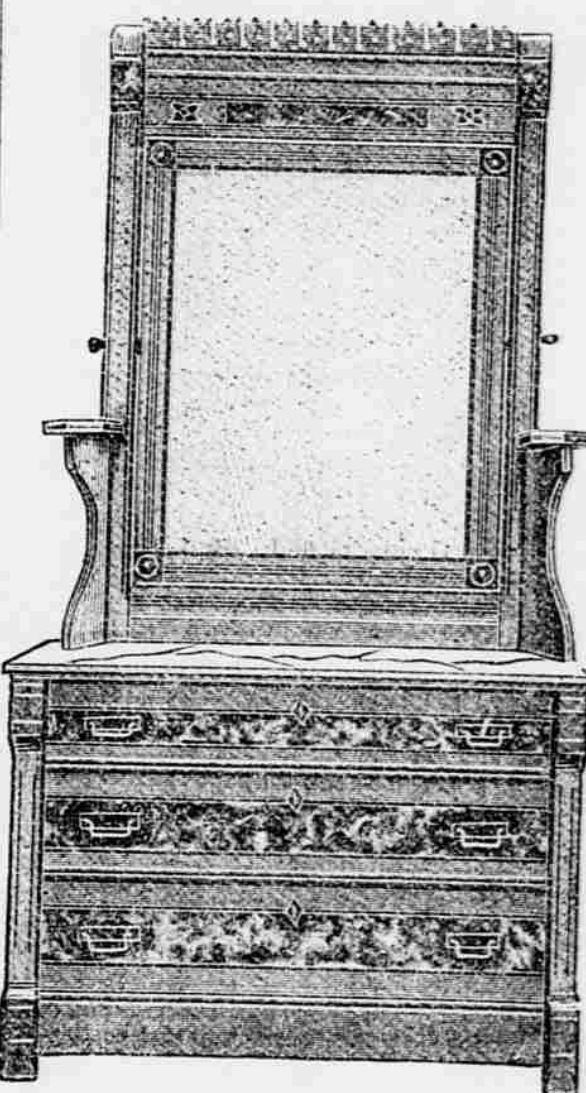
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